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SUBJ: LETTER PUBLISHED ON EXHIBIT AFFAIR

REF: MOSCOW 14201 AND PREVIOUS

1. TWICE-WEEKLY NATIONAL CULTURAL NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED BY CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE, SOVIETSKAYA KULTURA, CARRIES FIRST PRESS COMMENT SEPTEMBER 20 ON ART EXHIBIT AFFAIR IN LETTER SIGNED BY FOUR RESIDENTS OF REGION WHERE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE. LETTER CLAIMS INTER ALIA THAT SUNDAY VOLUNTEER WORK AT SITE WAS PLANNED WELL IN ADVANCE; THAT WORKERS WERE SURPRISED WHEN "UNKEMPT PEOPLE" BEGAN TO SET UP PICTURES IN FIELD; THAT ARTISTS ACTED "PROVOCATIVELY", TRYING TO FORCE WORKERS FROM FIELD, USING FOUL LANGUAGE AND HINDERING TRAFFIC; THAT FOREIGNERS IN CARS FROM "CAPITALIST EMBASSIES" ARRIVED WITH ARTISTS AND EVEN DELIVERED SOME OF THE PICTURES; AND THAT FOREIGN JOURNALISTS MIXED IN, WITH ONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(ALLEGEDLY AFTENPOSTEN'S UDGAARD) STRIKING A "MILITIA

HELPER" IN THE FACE.

2. LETTER CALLS ABORTED EXHIBIT AN "INTENTIONAL POLITICAL PROVOCATION", CLAIMS THAT MILITIA AND "HELPERS" WERE CALLED IN AT REQUEST OF SUNDAY WORKERS, AND SAYS ARTISTS WHO ACTED PARTICULARLY "OBSCENELY" WERE TAKEN TO LOCAL MILITIA STATION "FOR IDENTIFICATION". CLAIM ALSO MADE THAT ARTISTS CHOSE TO IGNORE CITY AND ARTISTS UNION "EXPLANATIONS" OF REGULATIONS FOR STAGING EXHIBITS. LETTER MOCKS ARTISTS SAYING THEY CREATED A MARKET FOR THEIR WORKS ABROAD BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT TALENTED ENOUGH TO BE RECOGNIZED IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY, AND ACCUSES THEM OF "SHAMELESS SPECULATION." LETTER ENDS BY DEMANDING THAT ARTISTS AND THEIR "FOREIGN FRIENDS AND PATRONS" RESPECT SOVIET LAW AND SOCIAL ORDER.

3. COMMENT: PUBLICATION OF LETTER INDICATES THAT AUTHORITIES RECOGNIZE STORY OF EXHIBIT AFFAIR IS GETTING OUT VIA FOREIGN RADIOS AND WORD OF MOUTH AND ESTABLISHES OFFICIAL VERSION OF THE FRACAS, WITHOUT REVEALING THE VIOLENCE THAT TOOK PLACE. IT IS A CLEAR WARNING TO ARTISTS NOT TO TRY AGAIN AND ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH LINK IN THE "PROVOCATION" BETWEEN ARTISTS AND WESTERN DIPLOMATS AND NEWSMEN.
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